

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-11 (Cancelled)

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A method for cleaning an incubator having temperature regulating means for regulating the temperature in a climatic chamber during an incubation process, the method involving disinfection of at least one of a climatic chamber and removable parts present in the climatic chamber during the incubation process, wherein the disinfection comprises a disinfecting heat treatment performed on the climatic chamber within the incubator using the temperature regulating means of the incubator provided for the incubation process, wherein the temperature for the disinfecting heat treatment exceeds 55°C.

Claims 13-14 (Cancelled)

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The method as claimed in claim ~~13~~ 12, wherein the temperature for the disinfecting heat treatment does not exceed 150°C.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The method as claimed in claim ~~13~~ 12, wherein the temperature for the disinfecting heat treatment does not exceed 100°C.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein at least one of the climatic chamber and removable parts are cleaned with water prior to the disinfection.

Claims 18-21 (Cancelled)

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Claim 22 (Previously Presented): A method for cleaning an incubator having temperature regulating means for regulating the temperature in a climatic chamber during an incubation process, the method involving disinfection of at least one of a climatic chamber and removable parts present in the climatic chamber during the incubation process, wherein the disinfection comprises a disinfecting heat treatment performed on the climatic chamber within the incubator using the temperature regulating means of the incubator provided for the incubation process, wherein at least one of the climatic chamber and removable parts are heated between 58° to 65°C for at least 25 minutes.